

APPROVED: Meeting No. 21-95

ATTEST: *Paula S. Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 05-95

January 30, 1995

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession with Hispanics United for Rockville (HUR), in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on January 30, 1995, at 7:37 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Dorsey

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Nina A. Weisbroth

ABSENT

Mayor James F. Coyle (on travel)

In attendance: Acting City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell, and Community Services Director Josephine Roberts.

Re: Worksession with Hispanics  
United for Rockville

The Mayor and Council met with HUR President Galo Correa, Vice President John Kent Worthy and board members Rosario Hernandez, and Eugenio Pizaro. HUR was accompanied by nine of their students. Ms. Hernandez gave a description of the following HUR programs being offered to students enrolled in HUR programs:

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- a. auto mechanics
- b. air conditioning
- c. heating, electricity
- d. dressmaking
- e. woodworking
- f. computer (Lotus, DOS, WP)
- g. computer maintenance
- h. two basic courses of English which HUR is hoping to expand
- i. GEDs in Spanish serving 10 students

HUR also received a CDBG grant and is using it to provide special services (e.g., assistance with translations, family issues, motor vehicle administration interactions, real estate, etc.) Mr. Correa reported that over 600 Rockville residents are taking advantage of these programs. HUR wants to reach more City residents in 1995, and towards that goal, prepared a flier listing the classes offered by HUR. Mr. Correa noted that Josephine Roberts was providing HUR with assistance on the flier.

Mr. Correa noted that the Latino community was growing in the City and HUR was hoping to implement voting rights for non-U.S. citizens.

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Mr. Correa remarked that HUR had been strongly focusing on their English language classes because a lack of communication existed--Hispanic residents feared and did not trust the Police. Mr. Correa also said that Rockville's Police Department was working with HUR to bridge the communication gap and was planning a Hispanic Citizens Police Academy for approximately 54 residents.

HUR is also working with other agencies such as Community Ministries of Rockville, Montgomery College, and the Christmas in April program, in order to try and give something back to community.

Councilmember Krasnow noted that she had been sitting in on HUR meetings, and she asked what was the status of HUR's accounting practices. Mr. Correa responded that HUR was working with Montgomery Leadership to receive training in accounting and organizational practices. In addition, Signet Bank is providing some funding for training instructors for the English courses. In response to Councilmember Dorsey's question, Mr. Correa said that many of the organizations HUR is working with on training, were able to offer jobs to the students.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in worksession with Hispanics United for Rockville, the worksession adjourned at 8:04 p.m., to convene in Worksession immediately following with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.